

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 23, 2004

FROM: **ROBERT L. McKERNAN**, Director
 County Museums

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the action by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors that authorized the County Museum to submit a grant application to the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) in the amount of \$150,000 for construction of a petrified wood and mining exhibit at the County Museum in Redlands.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In February 2001, the Museum was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the California Arts Council for the design and construction documents relative to a petrified wood and mining exhibit at the County Museum. This exhibit will depict the history of petrified wood in the San Bernardino region and will include a three-dimensional painted mural, as well as photomurals, of the Petrified Forest today. The exhibit will also depict the mining history of the San Bernardino region and will include photographs and specimens of minerals for visitors to experience.

Recently, the Department was informed by the IMLS that grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 were available to finance the construction of this exhibit. Staff prepared an application for these grant funds. However, due to the limited time available from notification to submittal, staff was not able to obtain Board approval to submit this application prior to the November 15, 2004, deadline. Therefore, the Department sought and received the Chairman's authorization to submit the grant application. Approval of this item would ratify the Chairman's action in this regard.

If the Department is successful in its efforts of acquiring this grant, the funds would be used to complete construction of the exhibit. When finished, this exhibit will enhance the visitor experience at the Museum, which is one of the critical components of the Museum's Board adopted Strategic Plan.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This grant application has been approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Dawn Stafford, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5471) on November 15, 2004, and reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on November 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact to the County for this action. Should the County be awarded these requested grant funds, the Museum would present an item to the Board for acceptance in accordance with County Policy. There is a \$145,230 local match requirement associated with this grant. However, this match would be accomplished through in-kind services provided by existing Museum staff and the \$15,000 previously received from the California Arts Council.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Robert L. McKernan, 798-5719.

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